

Remarks

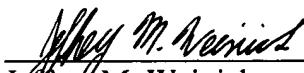
This is in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2004. The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20-23, 26, 27, 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0069241 (Narlikar). Claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Narlikar in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,157 (Mighdoll et al.). Claims 7, 19 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Narlikar in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,581,057 (Witbrock et al.). Claims 12 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Narlikar in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,591 (Kaplan et al.) Claim 11 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 1-10 and 12-31. Such cancellation of claims is without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to present these claims in a continuation application.

Applicant has rewritten objected to claim 11 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As such, claim 11 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claim 11 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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